

**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AND  
TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
August 2, 2012**

**MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call and Meeting Properly Posted:** The meeting of the Joint Town & Village Boards was called to order by Village President Diane Wiedenbeck at 6:34 p.m. There were twelve citizens in the audience.
2. **Roll Calls and confirm that the meeting was properly posted.**  
**Village Board of Trustees:** Village President Diane Wiedenbeck, and Trustees Micah Zielke (arrived at 6:41pm), Harvey Potter, Jennifer Pickel, Ed Lemay, Jack Henrich and Ken Dahl were present. Also present: Matt Giese, Village Administrator, Connie K. Bushee, Village Deputy Clerk and Police Chief Hughes. Also in attendance were most of the Cottage Grove Police Officers and 2 Sergeants.  
**Town Board of Supervisors:** Town Chair Kris Hampton and Town Supervisors, Steve Anders, Mike DuPlayee, Mike Fonger were present. Absent and Excused Supervisors: Mike Kindschi.
3. **Public Concerns -** Public's opportunity to speak to Board Members about any subject that is not a specific agenda item. **None.**
4. **Discuss and consider the minutes from May 3, 2012. Motion** by Hampton to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by DuPlayee. **Motion** carried on a voice vote 7-0-0 unanimous voice vote.
5. **Swearing-In Ceremony of Officer Timothy Doherty.** Chief Hughes swore in the newest Cottage Grove Police Officer. Mr. Doherty's mother then pinned Tim's badge on him.
6. **Presentation of New Badges – by Chief Hughes**  
Chief Hughes presented each officer with their new badges.
7. **Discuss and consider a non-binding November 2012 referendum as discussed by the Joint Merger Committee on July 9, 2012-** Due to the motion and approval in agenda item #8, this item was not discussed.
8. **Discuss and consider the continuation of Merger talks.** The cost to each community for a question to appear on the November Presidential Election ballot was around \$600/per municipality. DuPlayee stressed the importance of providing a choice for the general population. Discussion was brought up of the very minimal responses to the survey mailed to residents in March 2012. Members felt the Merger Committee was not ready for a referendum question. **Motion** by Zielke to discontinue a Joint Merger Committee and talks of a possible merger, seconded by Fonger. **Motion** carried on a unanimous voice vote 11-0-0.
9. **Items for next agenda and meeting date.** Next meeting is September 6, 2012 at Town Hall
10. **Adjournment: MOTION** by Pickel to adjourn at 6:57pm, seconded Anders to adjourn. **Motion carried on an 11-0-0 unanimous voice vote.**

Connie K. Bushee, Deputy Treasurer

Approved: October 4, 2012

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.